

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 12. (Amended) A method of controlling average particle size of microspheres containing an agent in a solvent extraction process, comprising  
adjusting a viscosity of an oil to a value that corresponds to a predetermined  
average particle size of microspheres to control said size of said microspheres;  
adding said oil to a biodegradable poly(DL-lactide-co-glycolide) polymer –  
stabilizer agent solution emulsion;  
centrifuging the emulsion;  
and removing said microspheres of said predetermined average particle size.

Please cancel claims 13-15.